Machinable Parcels

Related QSG: 050

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Quick Service
Guide

Eligibility Overview (E600)

(R600)

Machinable parcels must qualify under applicable standards for Standard Mail rate claimed. Machinable parcels must also meet dimension standards in C050 to be sorted on USPS parcel sorting equipment. Additional charges apply to some Standard Mail (B) Parcel Post pieces.

Rates and Fees

Fees Single-piece Standard Mail (A) and Standard Mail (B) rates are available.

- Standard Mail (B) rates: Parcel Post and Bound Printed Matter rates are zone-based, Special Standard Mail and Library Mail rates are not zone-based.
- Standard Mail (A) rates: not zone-based.

Postage discounts are available for bulk Standard Mail (A) and some Standard Mail (B) if mail meets additional standards for volume, presort, and destination entry.

Annual bulk mailing fee (\$85.00) might be required.

Addressing

(A010) Each piece must include complete delivery and return addresses with correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code.

Characteristics and Content

and Content (C050, C600) Minimum weight: 8 ounces. Pieces between 6 and 8 ounces may qualify (C050.4). Maximum weight: 35 pounds (25 pounds for books or other printed matter). Dimensions: 6 to 34 inches long, 3 to 17 inches high, and 0.25 to 17 inches thick.

Deposit

(D600)

Deposit:

Bulk or presort: at post office where permit or license held.

■ Single-piece with complete postage affixed: in any collection box or post office. Destination entry mail must be deposited as specified by standards for rate claimed.

Mail Preparation and Sortation

(M630)

Mail must be prepared and marked under applicable standards for Standard Mail (A) or (B) machinable parcels and for rate claimed.

Preparation and labeling (presort): on reverse.

Postage and Payment Methods (P600)

Method: adhesive stamp (single-piece rate only) (P022), precanceled stamp (P023), meter (P030), or permit imprint (P040); applicable conditions and restrictions.

Special Services

(S900)

See Quick Service Guide 900.

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Preparation Sequence 5-Digit **Destination BMC/ASF Mixed BMC** BMC CHICAGO IL 60808 MXD BMC KANS CITY KS 64399 CHICAGO IL 60808 STD [B]¹ MACH 5D TOPEKA KS STD [B]¹ MACH [BMC]² TOPEKA KS STD [B]¹ MACH WKG TOPEKA KS Standard Mail (A) Standard Mail (A) Sacks: Optional at 10 pounds Sacks: Required with no minimum. Sacks: Required at 10 pounds. (required for 3/5 presort rate). Labels: For Line 1, use "MXD" followed by the Column B information Standard Mail (B) Standard Mail (B) in L601 for the BMC serving the Sacks: Required at 10 pieces, 20 Sacks: Required at 10 pieces, 20 3-digit ZIP Code prefix of the entry pounds, or 1,000 cubic inches. pounds, or 1,000 cubic inches. post office. Smaller volumes not permitted. Note: Presort to ASFs for mail to ASF service area, if destination BMC rate Labels: Use 5-digit destination of is claimed. mail for Line 1. Smaller volumes not permitted. Labels: Destination ASF (DBMC rate); use L602 for Line 1. Destination BMC (DBMC rate); use L602 for Line 1. Destination BMC; use L601 for Line 1.

¹For Standard Mail (A), use "A," for Standard Mail (B), use "B."

²Use "BMC" for destination BMC sacks or "ASF" for ASF sacks.

Destination Entry Discounts (DBMC/DSCF/DDU)

Overview

Periodicals and Standard Mail mailings may be eligible for one of three destination entry discounts: destination bulk mail center (DBMC), destination sectional center facility (DSCF), or destination delivery unit (DDU). Only one destination discount permitted per piece.

Rates and Fees (R200, R600)

Discount varies by destination and class of mail, subject to payment of applicable mailing fees.

Eligibility (E250, E651, E652)

All mail must meet the applicable eligibility, volume, and preparation standards for the class of mail and rate claimed. Specific destination entry rate standards include:

Periodicals:

- DSCF rate (SCF zone) applies only to copies of publications not eligible for In-County rates that are addressed for delivery in the same SCF service area as the entry post office, regardless of the type of package, pallet, sack, or tray in which placed for presort (E250.1).
- DDU rate (delivery unit zone) applies only to copies of publications entered at facility where the carrier cases mail for the carrier route (city carrier route, rural route, highway contract route, general delivery unit, or post office box section) serving the address on the mailpiece. Pieces for which a DDU discount is claimed must also be eligible for and claimed at either the carrier route or a walk-sequence rate.

Standard Mail (A):

Minimum volume: 200 or more addressed pieces (or 50 pounds or more of addressed pieces) per entry. Regular and Nonprofit Standard Mail meeting the basic standards in E611 and E612 may qualify for DBMC, DSCF, or DDU discounts.

- DBMC rate applies to mail deposited at the correct DBMC (or destination auxiliary service facility (ASF)) addressed for delivery within that facility's service area and prepared subject to the standards for the rate claimed.
- DSCF rate applies to Regular, Nonprofit, and Enhanced Carrier Route mail deposited at the correct DSCF, addressed for delivery within that facility's service area, and placed in other than an ADC, AADC, BMC, mixed ADC, mixed AADC, or residual tray, sack, or pallet (as permitted by the rate claimed) that is correctly labeled to that DSCF or postal facility within its service area.
- DDU rate applies to nonautomation rate mail that is entered at the facility (post office, station, branch, etc.) where the carrier cases mail for the carrier route (city route, rural route, highway contract route, general delivery unit, or post office box section) serving the address on the mailpiece. Pieces for which a DDU discount is claimed must also be eligible for and claimed at one of the Enhanced Carrier Route rates or Nonprofit Carrier Route rates. Automation rate Enhanced Carrier Route mail must be deposited at the facility identified by the district drop shipment coordinator.

Standard Mail (B) Parcel Post:

DBMC rate applies to mail deposited at the correct destination BMC, ASF, or SCF, subject to the applicable standards in E652, including:

- Part of a single mailing of 50 or more pieces, each eligible for and claimed at Parcel Post rate and deposited at the correct DBMC.
- Addressed for delivery within the entry facility's service area (ZIP Code range).

A mailing that is otherwise eligible for the DBMC rate may be deposited and accepted at an SCF designated by the USPS when it benefits the USPS and:

- The mailing contains only machinable parcels prepared in 5-digit sacks, pallets, or containers, and nonmachinable parcels prepared under E652.2.
- All DBMC rate parcels are for delivery within the service area of the SCF at which they are deposited by the mailer.
- Postage on all parcels deposited at the SCF is computed using the zone chart for that postal facility.
- The marking required by M630 contains the correct information.
- The mailer is directed to deposit the mailing at that SCF by the district control center in whose area the BMC or ASF is located where the DBMC parcels would otherwise be deposited.

Addressing (A010)

Each piece must include complete delivery and return addresses with correct ZIP Code or ZIP+4 code.

Characteristics and Contents (C200, C600)

All mail must meet the applicable standards for class and rate claimed.

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Destination Entry Discounts (DBMC/DSCF/DDU)

Deposit

Deposit: generally at DBMC, DSCF, or DDU.

(D200, D600)

May be prepared as plant-verified drop shipment (PVDS) (P750). Subject to standards applicable to postage payment method used.

Mail Preparation and Sortation (M200, M600) Markings, presort and labeling, and postage statements are subject to the standards applicable to the class of mail and rate claimed.

Postage and Payment Methods (P200, P600) Method: precanceled stamp (P023), meter (P030), or permit imprint (P040); subject to applicable conditions and restrictions. Payment for Periodicals must be by advance deposit account at the original or additional entry post office, except under P200.3 for Centralized Postage Payment (CPP) or P750 for plant-verified drop shipment (PVDS). Standard Mail must be deposited where the permit or license is held unless otherwise authorized by the USPS.

Special Services (S900) Standard Mail (A) may not use registered, special handling, certified, return receipt for merchandise, or COD services (E612.4).

Standard Mail (B) may use COD, special handling, merchandise return service, and insured services. Return receipt and restricted delivery are available for COD mail or mail insured for more than \$50.

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